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1. FRENCH REP WAS DESIGNATED BY ECAC STATES TO PRESENT TO US AN ECAC-DRAFTED ALTERNATIVE TO US PROPOSAL IN CWP-6477. TEST IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THAT ICAO, ENCOURAGED BY THE ACTION OF VARIOUS STATES TO REDUCE NOISE LEVEL OF THEIR AIRLINE FLEETS OF SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT, AND PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM, RECOMMENDS THAT EACH MEMBER STATE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN SUCH STATE, IMPLEMENTS NATIONAL OR REGIONAL PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY, IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT OF ITS AIRLINE FLEET NOT MEETING NOISE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF AIRCRAFT MAKING USE OF MODERN ACOUSTIC TECHNOLOGY. EACH MEMBER STATE WOULD INFORM ICAO OF THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE, BEYOND WHICH ALL SUBSONIC JET AIRCRAFT ON ITS OWN REGISTRY ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL AIR NAVIGATION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE NOISE LIMITS SPECIFIED IN THE FIRST EDITION OF ANNEX 16 (AUGUST 1971). UNQUOTE

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2. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, FRANCE REP POINTED OUT ESPECIALLY THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE "AND PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM," AND THE ADDITION OF A REQUEST THAT MEMBER STATES INFORM ICAO OF THE DATE OF COMPLIANCE. HE ALSO NOTED THE ADDITION OF "REGIONAL PROGRAMS" WHICH FOR ILLOGICAL REASONS HE KEPT SAYING WAS INTENDED TO APPLY TO "BILATERAL" AGREEMENTS, "SUCH AS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND ECAC."

3. HE TOLD USREP CONFIDENTIALLY THAT AT LEAST 2 ECAC STATES IN TODAY'S MEETING, HAD SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN ENCOURAGE MEMBER STATES NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION ON THIS MATTER BUT THAT HE AND OTHERS IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THE US HAD PREVAILED UPON THE GROUP TO ABANDON SUCH A RECOMMENDATION.

4. IT APPEARS TO BE THE INCLUSION OF THE DATE 1985 THAT GIVES FRANCE AND THE OTHER EUR STATES THE GREATEST PROBLEM. FRENCH REP KEPT EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR "ECONOMIC STUDY" WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NOV/DEC AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL HAVE A TIME FRAME TO PROPOSE. USREP MENTIONED RUMORS THAT FRANCE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF COMPLIANCE ABOUT 1981. HE STATED FIRMLY THAT THAT WAS SO -- 1981-2-3. USREP POINTED OUT THIS WAS WITHIN THE 1985 FRAMEWORK AND THEREFORE THEY SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH OUR FRAMEWORK WHEREUPON HE SAID THAT HE WAS WRONG -- IT WAS A "SLIP OF THE TONGUE" -- THAT "THE FIRST OF JANUARY HAD CONFUSED HIM AND THAT REALLY THEY WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF 1986-7-8 COMPLIANCE." USREP WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FRANCE WAS REALLY CONFUSED AND UNINFORMED OR (MORE LIKELY) LET OUT THEIR POSITION UNINTENTIONALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, FRANCE MAY WELL DECIDE IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AFTER ECONOMIC STUDY TO TAKE UNILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ECAC ACTION IN 1981-2-3 WHICH WOULD BE WITHIN COMPLIANCE PERIOD NOW PLACED ON US CARRIERS. CAN WASHINGTON COMMENT ON WHAT FRANCE IS ATTEMPTING TO DO?

4. USREP ASKED WHAT ECAC THINKING WAS TIME-WISE WITH RESPECT TO "FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM." THE REPLY WAS THAT ANYONE CAN BRING UP THE QUESTION IN THE COUNCIL AT ANY TIME. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RE THE REQUEST FOR MEMBER STATE INFO TO ICAO, USREP FELT THIS WAS A HELPFUL ADDITION BUT SINCE THERE WAS NO DEADLINE, MEMBER STATES MIGHT NOT FEEL CALLED UPON TO RESPOND IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. USREP WILL NEED A POSITION ON THE FRANCH PROPOSAL ASAP AND COMMENTS RE ANY ADVANTAGE THAT MIGHT ENSUE TO THE ECAC STATES SHOULD THIS LANGUAGE BE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF OUR PROPOSAL. HARPER

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